(c) Does not arise.

Socio Economic Backgroudn of Navodays Vidyalaya Students

570. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any study to ascertain the socio-economic background of the students admitted in Navodaya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of students belonging to Agriculturists and Agricultural Labour now studying in those schools;

(d) how many of them belong to lower strata of society; and

(e) what steps are proposed to be taken to encourage admission of children belonging to lower middle classes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) A socio-economic survey of Navodaya Vidyalaya students was conducted in 1989-90 by Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti.

(b) to (d) A statement is annexed (*See* below).

(e) To safeguard the admission of rural children, 75 *per cent seats in each vidya*laya have been exclusively reserved for them. Reservation of seats in favour of children belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is provided in proportion to their population in the concerned district provided that in no district such reservation will be less than the national average.

Statement

Educational background of parents of students of Navodaya Vidyalayas

Parent	B.A./M.A.	High School	Middle School	Illiterate
Father	28.3%	17.2%	40.5%	16.1%
Mother	6%	18.3%	72%	39.5%

Occupational background of parents of students of Navodaya Vidyalayas

Parent	Agriculturist/ Agricultural Lebourer or General Labourer	Self-employed or regular service	Business
Father	42.4%	47.6%	9.96%
Mother	7.3%	2.4%	—

Economic status of parents of students of Navodaya Vidyalayas

Income Level	Percentage of students coming from respective families
Less than Rs. 12,000/- p.a.	63
Between Rs. 36,000/- and Rs. 50,000/- p.a.	5